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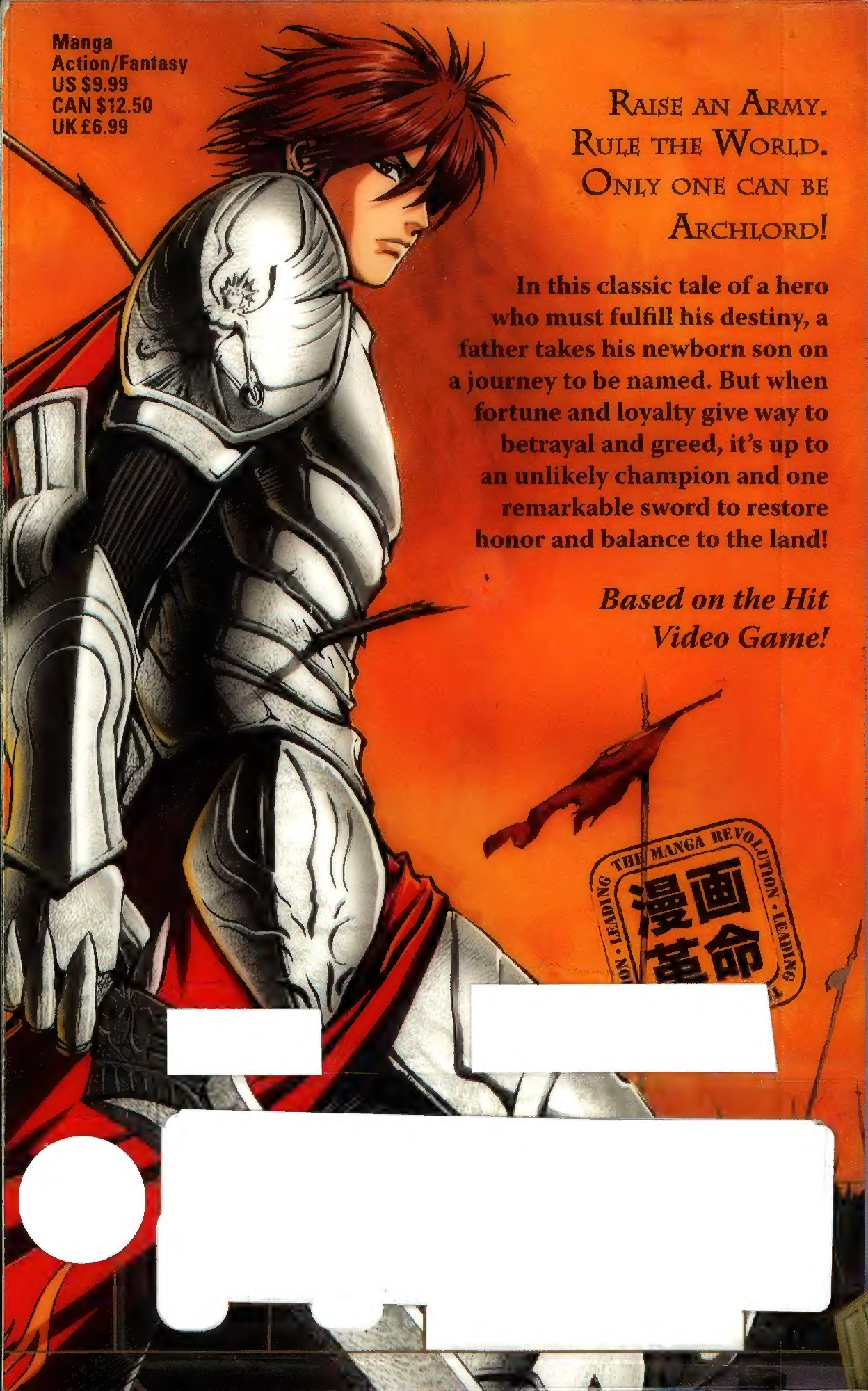

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Archlord History - The Chronicles of Chantra

Long ago, the Elementals infused their power into the very stones of the continent of Chantra, creating a land of magic and mystery whispered about in legends around the world. The most seductive story was that five of the gemstones --Archons-- bestowed unimaginable power upon their bearer. Adventurers from many lands sought to make this power their own -- including humans and Orcs from the western continent. But though they were in a new land, they brought their old racial hatreds with them.

Two heroes emerged in Chantra around the year 7 BD -- the human warrior Nathan and the Orc magician Walcure. Both set out on their own quest to find the Archons. Their paths crossed in the heat of the Windrill desert as they searched for ancient ruins. Their instinctive hatred gripped them and they launched into a fierce battle, magic against strength and steel, clashing for hours on end. But they were evenly matched, and finally they collapsed from exhaustion. Recognizing each other as formidable fighters, both worthy of respect, they shared their water and formed a lasting friendship.

Together they continued the quest for the Archons, finally finding the old ruins. The tumbled rock and broken roads of the ancient city were not entirely abandoned, however. Destiny had one final trial for them. As they explored the remains of the city they discovered a great hall. Wandering deep into it they saw before them a throne richly decorated with carvings of warriors in fierce battle. As they stood there marveling, a man stepped from behind the throne. He was dressed in armor matching the carvings and he raised a menacing sword. This was Salamander, the last remaining guardian of this once amazing city. He was left by the ancients to defend their treasures to the end. He launched into a ferocious attack. It took the skill of both heroes to defeat the great Salamander.

As the mighty warrior fell, a huge door at the rear of the hall slid back revealing two incredible weapons. Both carried an Archon, infused with primordial Elemental power. The sword held the Archon of Fire, the staff held the Archon of Earth. Moving forward each claimed one -- Nathan chose the sword and Walcure took the staff.

Their adventure finished, they knew it was time to return to their own people. As the battle brothers parted ways they lifted a ring from the fallen Salamander and split it between them as a reminder of their shared journey and newfound allegiance to each other.

Nathan earned a reputation as a righteous warrior and built a great castle on Chantra called Manas. Walcure came to be called the greatest magician in all of Orc history. Countless tales of their achievements were told for generations, and over time, even their weapons took on names of their own. Nathan's sword became known as Brumhart, while Walcure's staff acquired the name Gaiahon. But the most important event of their lives would happen six years later.

One night six years later, Nathan and Walcure were both awakened by an eerie sound -- a wailing cry only they could hear. It seemed to come from their magical weapons. Mystified, they both traveled to Serend to consult Gracia, a wise archer of the Moon elves. They arrived at the same time, and Gracia knew why they had come. Her own bow, Evengarda, contained two Archons and was also wailing. She explained that a magician called Cyripus had gained an Archon of his own, and was calling the weapons -- trying to unite all the powers of the Elementals in one person. Trying to become an ArchLord.

With all five Archons, Cyripus would be nearly invincible, and the three heroes knew that one person could not be trusted with such enormous powers. Nathan, Walcure and Gracia banded together to find Cyripus and defeat him. At last they confronted him and a battle ensued in the same ancient, desert ruins where Walcure and Nathan had gained their Archons. All three fought tirelessly, but finally it was the Moon elf Gracia who took down Cyripus with her bow. It cost her a deep wound from his magic, but the heroes triumphed. They had no respect for the power--hungry magician, so they abandoned the body in the ruins, Gracia's arrows still piercing Cyripus' chest. Afraid of being tempted by the power of five united Archons, the heroes decided to hide the one they gained from Cyripus. At the time, a great city named Dulan was being constructed -- at its heart a mighty castle. Together they buried the final Archon under the castle's foundation stone and sealed it with magic.

The secret of its resting place was never revealed, but Nathan had witnessed the full extent of the power of the Archon, and he became cautious of the Archon inside Brumhart. He asked the Noum to craft a magical scabbard, which would seal in the power of the sword as long as it was sheathed. From then on, he drew his weapon only when absolutely necessary, and strong cautions were handed down as the sword passed on through generations of his descendants.

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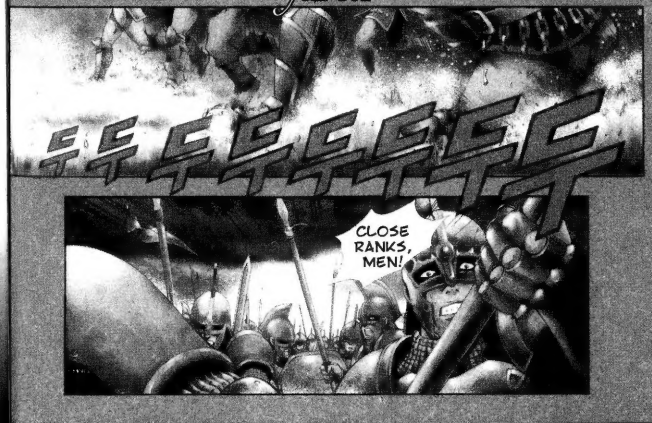


KUAH AH!
YAAR!

AHHH!

AAAHH!

STAND YOUR GROUND!

THE GREAT FIRE IS YET WITH US!
TRUST IN THE MIGHT OF THE SPIRITS!

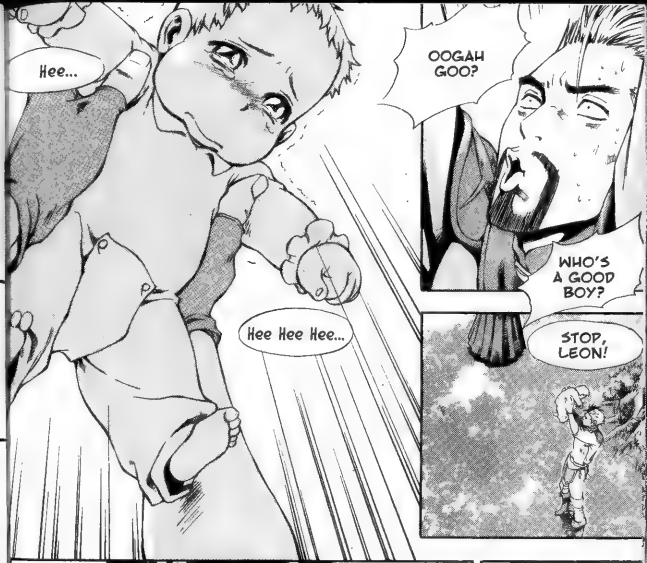
BY THE ARCHONS!
OTOTO
LET ME WIELD ...

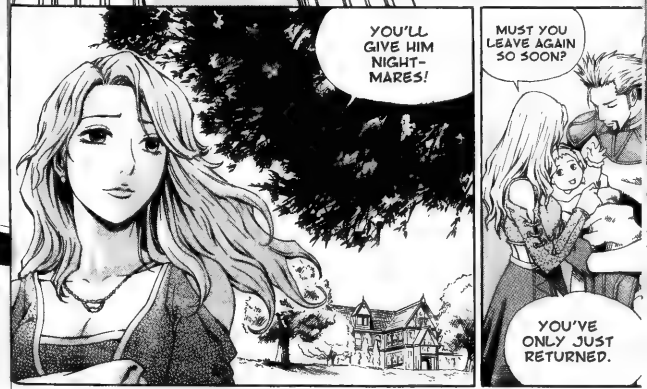
...YOUR STRENGTH!

THEIR COMMANDER HAS FALLEN! ATTACK!
AAHH! AAH
KHAAA...
UAH!
KLINK!
DIE!
CHANG!

Episode 1
Brumhart

THE POWER... OF THAT SWORD...
BRUMHART...
COME, ERNAN. LET US RETURN.


Hee...
Hee Hee Hee...
OOGAH GOO?
WHO'S A GOOD BOY?
STOP, LEON!

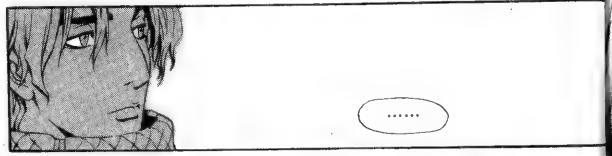

YOU'LL GIVE HIM NIGHT-MARES!
MUST YOU LEAVE AGAIN SO SOON?
YOU'VE ONLY JUST RETURNED.

DEAR, I MUST. YOU KNOW IT. LOOK HOW BIG ZIAN IS GETTING!
IT'S PAST TIME TO BEG FOR FATHER KENNETH'S BLESSING ON HIS HEAD.
.....
BUT THE TRIBUTE MOUNTAINS... THE RUMORS OF THE MONSTERS ...!
YOUR STEED IS READY, M'LORD.
AH!
WELL MET, ERNAN!
FRET NOT, MY LOVE. I'LL BE BACK WITHIN A SHORT DAY.
ERNAN, YOU'LL PROTECT MY TWO HANDSOME BOYS, WON'T YOU?
.....
YES... M'LADY.
I SHALL RETURN.
YES, DO.

I DO REGRET SPOILING YOUR LEISURE LIKE THIS.
THINK NOTHING OF IT.
SIR LEON, WHY DO YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN AMONGST KNIGHTS AND HORSEMEN?
A MAN WITH THE POWER YOU HOLD COULD MASTER MUCH HIGHER AUTHORITY.

PERHAPS ...
REAL POWER IS A DUTY TO SERVE THE EMINENCE OF WISDOM FOR THE SAKE OF THE HARMONY AND BALANCE THAT SUSTAINS OUR WORLD.
BEG PAR-DON?
IT'S SOMETHING MY FATHER TOLD ME.
AND...

...IT'S SOMETHING I'M PLANNING TO TELL MY SON AS WELL.
Gaa
Goo
I HOPE THOSE WORDS WILL SERVE HIM IN HIS WAY HALF AS WELL AS THEY HAVE SERVED ME IN MINE.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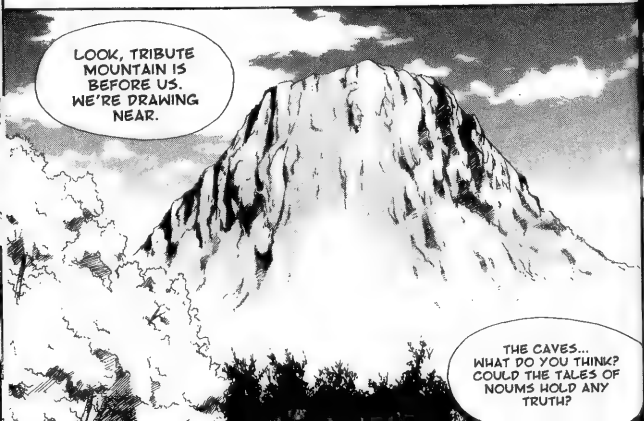
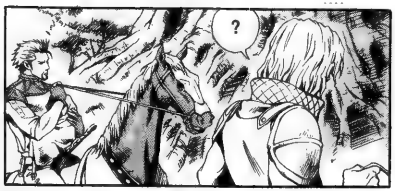

LOOK, TRIBUTE MOUNTAIN IS BEFORE US. WE'RE DRAWING NEAR.
THE CAVES... WHAT DO YOU THINK? COULD THE TALES OF NOUMS HOLD ANY TRUTH?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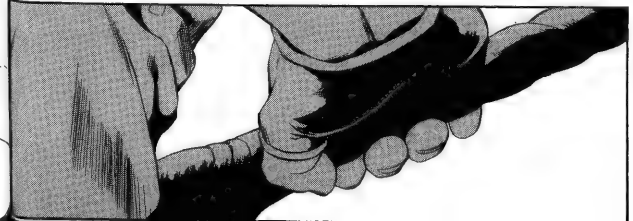
WHAT? WHAT'S THE MATTER?



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THE BLADE IS A LEGEND. IT HAS NO EQUAL.
AND... I WANT IT.
ERNAN, TAKE ZIAN AND RIDE HARD OUT OF THE FOREST.
IF THERE'S DANGER, I'LL STAND WITH Y--
M'LORD? WHY DO YOU DRAW BRUM-HART?
WHAT DOES HE SUSPECT ...?
!!
WHAT IS IT?!
ALL THEY WANT IS THE SWORD.
I CANNOT FIGHT WITH MY CHILD IN MY ARMS.
I'LL FOLLOW SOON.

I WILL AWAIT YOU!
THE ESCORT IS FLEEING!
THE SWORD IS OURS.
I HOLD WHAT YOU COVET IN MY HAND.
COME GET IT.
GLUGK ...

CRACK
!
JOSH
OK
EAT
YES, YES...
YOU'VE MADE YOUR STAND.
BUT IT'S OVER.

NOW YOU FALL.
WAAAH!
STOP CRYING!
WAAAH!
YOUR FATHER WILL SOON--
!

GUAHHG!
OOFF!
GUHH...
!

DIE!
DIE, DAMN YOU!
WAH!
YA-AAH!

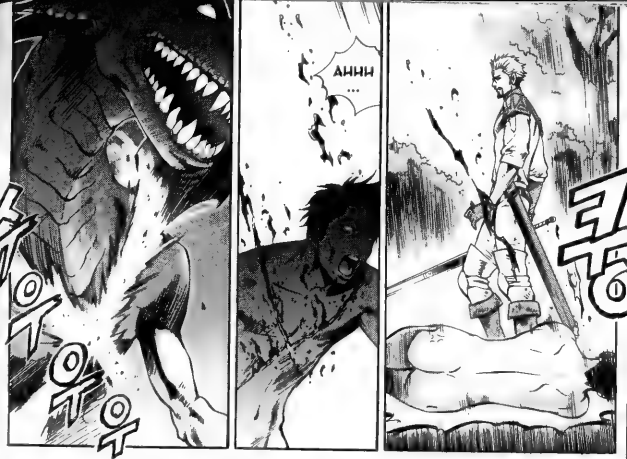
!
GLGG...
BLUGG...

ENOUGH.
ARE YOU THROUGH?
BRAVO.

YOU ARE TRULY DULAN'S GREATEST KNIGHT.
CAN YOU GUESS WHAT THIS IS?
IT WAS BREWED BY BLACK MAGES.
A NASTY LITTLE POTION.
YOU. DRINK IT.
ME?! WHY ME?!
I SAID DRINK!
YOU PULING MON-GREL!
MM-BLG!

HH-NUH ??
NG-AAHH!
AAAAHH!
GRRAAAUUUNNN
KILL HIM!
RRAAHH!
IS THIS YOUR COUP DE GRÂCE? YOU SEND A FIRE DRAGON AGAINST ME?
CALLOW FOOL!
I HOLD THE LORD OF FIRE DRAGONS IN MY HAND!

FIRE OF BRUM-HART!


AHHH...

H-H-HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?!
NOW.

HOW SHALL YOU PAY FOR MY HORSE?

WAAAAH!

Episode2
Treachery

WAAAAH!
NNG... M-M'LORD.

I, THE FOOL?
AT LEAST I NEVER TURNED MY BACK ON AN ENEMY IN BATTLE!
TOT

M' LORD!
GNUH ...
EE-YAHH...
M' LORD...

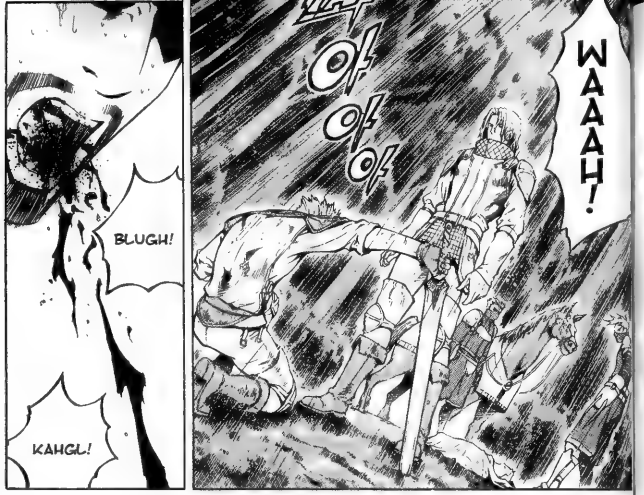
IT'S TRUE...

YOU ARE THE BIGGEST FOOL HERE.

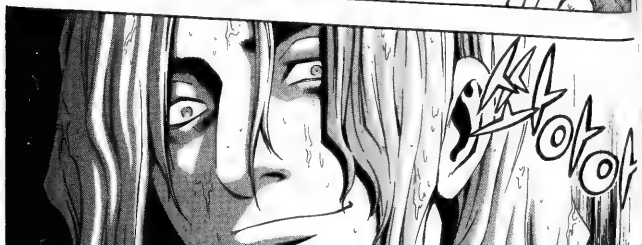
I'VE BEEN SWALLOWING YOUR HOMILIES ALL MY LIFE. MAYBE THE OTHER KNIGHTS CAN TAKE IT...
...BUT I'VE HAD MY FILL.

THIS BUNK ABOUT... HARMONY. IT'S NAUSEATING! "REAL POWER IS A DUTY TO SERVE"? PISS ON THAT!
REAL POWER IS SOMETHING MEN MUST SIEZE FOR THEMSLEVES.

MEN LIKE ME.
ONCE I HAVE THE POWER TO BEND THE WEAK TO MY BIDDING... I'LL MAKE MY OWN HARMONY!


BLUGH!
KAHGL!
WAAAH!

YOU WANT BRUMHART?



DOOF
DOOF
DOOF
YAAA-RRGHH!

YOU THINK YOU CAN BEST ME?
WAAAH!

TAKE IT.
HAHH...
H-HA-HA...
AA HA HA HA HA AA!
YOU'VE MADE A WISE CHOICE...
...BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH.

YES. I WANT MORE THAN YOUR SWORD FOR MY CONSIDERABLE TROUBLES. TODAY, I'M TAKING YOUR LIFE...
AND TOMORROW...
...I'LL BE TAKING YOUR WIFE.
YES, PERFECT. COME, LEON. BE THE FIRST TO FALL TO BRUMHART AT MY HAND.
COME DIE!
HEH?

AA-RHH...!
WAAAH!
STOP HIM!
KAFF...!
KILL HIM, YOU WHORE'S SONS! KILL THEM BOTH!
RIDE THEM DOWN! THEY CAN'T GET FAR!
YES, SIR!

UGH....
WHY?!
HOW CAN THE INFERNAL THING BE STUCK?!
KK
COULD BE SEALED BY MAGIC, COULD IT NOT?
I'VE HEARD THE GREAT RELICS HAVE SUCH PROTECTION. HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF THAT?
GNAHH ....
AAAHH!
HAHH...
HAVE I THOUGHT OF...?!
WORM, YOUR JOB IS TO KILL LEON! SO SHUT UP AND CATCH HIM BEFORE HE LEAVES THE FOREST!
YES, MASTER.
THE DAGGER I THREW...
...NEVER MISSES ITS MARK.
WAAAAAAAH
Haff...
Haff...
CAN'T BLACK OUT...
WAAAH WAAAH
...CAN'T... BLACK OUT...

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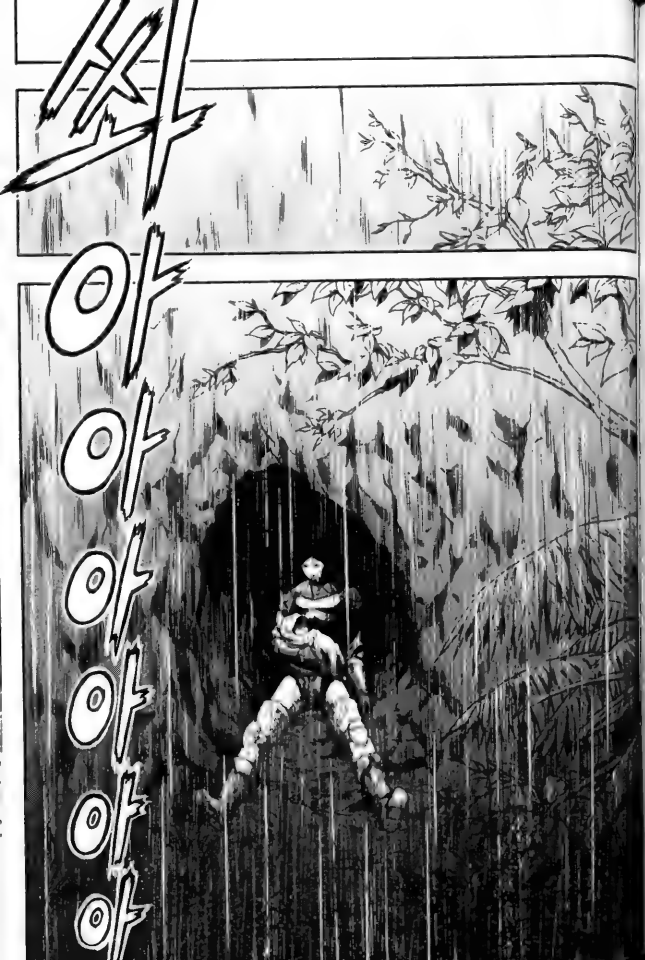
AAH!

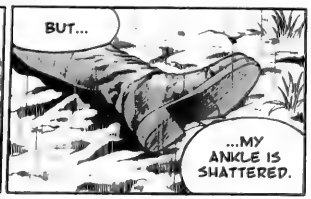
Haff...
Haff...

BAD VISIONS.
BAD OMENS.

WHY IS THE FOREST SPIRIT SO RESTLESS?


AH
OH OH OH OH OH OH

WE ARE LUCKY, ZIAN.
WE'RE STILL ALIVE.


BUT...
...MY ANKLE IS SHATTERED.

THE BODY OF HIS HORSE!
HE CAN'T BE FAR!

AH OH OH OH

THE OLD ORC'S RING... THE OLD SYMBOL OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE ORCISH MAGICIAN, WALCURE, AND MY ANCESTOR, NATHAN OF MANAS...
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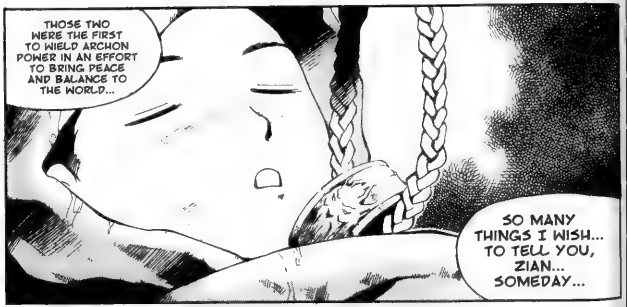
THOSE TWO WERE THE FIRST TO WIELD ARCHON POWER IN AN EFFORT TO BRING PEACE AND BALANCE TO THE WORLD...
SO MANY THINGS I WISH... TO TELL YOU, ZIAN... SOMEDAY...

MAY THE FOREST SPIRITS WATCH OVER YOU, MY SON...
IF THE GODS WILL IT, I SHALL RETURN.

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절뚝
절뚝

HE'S CLOSE.
HIS BLOOD IS STILL ON THE ROCKS.
HE'S COME FAR FOR BEING INJURED THUS.
THERE.

YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING GAMES WITH ME.

GAH!
AND THE RIGHT!
NOW YOU MIGHT BEG FOR MERCY...
...BUT YOU WON'T GET IT.
Haff...
Haff...
GUUAAAAAAGH!
I GIVE YOU YOUR BALANCE, LEON!
I WILL SPLIT YOU IN HALF!
NG-NAH!
AAUGH!
NGUH...
!!

THE GATES OF HELL HAVE SHUT BEHIND YOU.
I SHALL BURN, ERNAN.

번
쩍

LEADING US THIS WAY WAS A RUSE. HE HID THE CHILD IN A CAVE BY THE CLIFFS. FIND HIM.

I MUST MAKE HASTE TO DULAN TO FORESTALL SUSPICION.

BRING ME THE BOY'S HEAD.
YES... M'LORD.

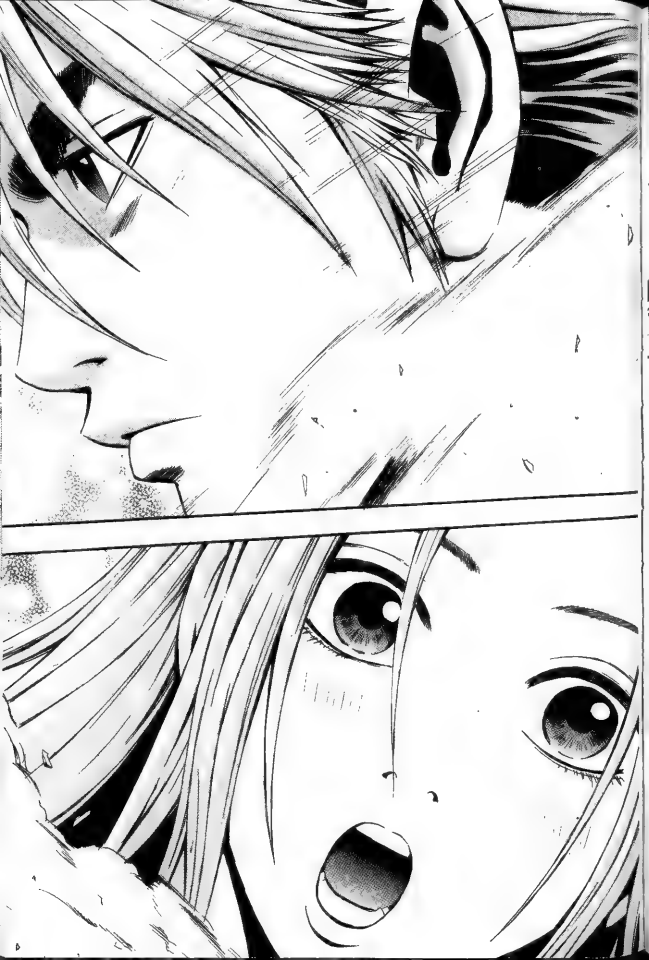
WAAAH

AS HE SAID...
WAAAH

YOU DO IT!

Sixteen years later...
Dalan, Year 517

WHINNY
AIII!
YEEK!
YOU! YOU'RE NOT FRIENDLY AT ALL! YOU'RE...A MAD DEER!
AHHH!
GRUNT!



Haff...
Haff...

TH-THANK YOU, BRAVE SIR.
YOU HAVE SAVED MY LIFE, FOR WHICH I... I OWE YOU... UTMOST--

JUST...

...GET OUT OF MY WAY!

HELP!
SOMEBODY HELP ME!
TOO HIGH?
EK
IT'S CLOSE!
YAA-HOOO!

RATS.
BWAH!
MY SWORD!

UHFF...
PURE FLAME, BURNING AWAY ALL CORRUPTION...
CONSUME THE BLACK CORE OF THIS ABOMINATION AND WIN BACK THE POWER OF THE WHITE...
SQUEEORG!

HEART OF FIRE!
KUH!

QUEEE! QUEE!

HAH...
F-FIRE! LOTS... OF FIRE!

QUUUEEEE!

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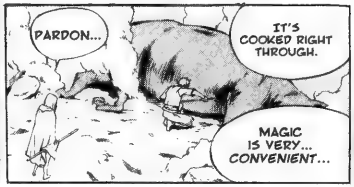
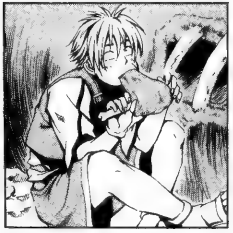
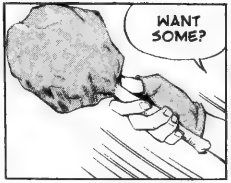
Cough!
Cough!
Cough!
슈우우

AH... PLEASE EXCUSE ME...


PARDON...
IT'S COOKED RIGHT THROUGH.
MAGIC IS VERY... CONVENIENT...

HEY, SIR!
I SAID, "EXCUSE ME"!




WANT SOME?

AHEM...

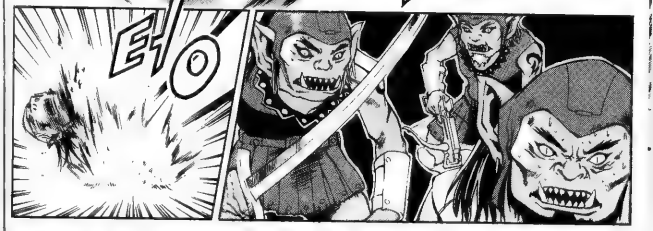
I AM ONE WITH THE MAGI...
A MAGE MUST MAINTAIN A PURE HEART. WE LIVE CLEAN LIVES OF SELF-DISCIPLINE.
ONCE I'VE LAID A SPIRIT TO REST, IT'S MY CHARGE TO GUARD ITS PEACE. IT WOULD BE PROFANE OF ME TO DESECRATE ITS CORPSE...
THEN MORE FOR ME.
Damn, this is good!
.....
SIR, HOW OLD ARE YOU?
SEV--MMPH... SEVENTEEN. MMM...

HOW DARE YOU SPEAK TO A LADY WITH SUCH INFORMALITY?!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, BABY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUT ON AIRS FOR ME...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT AND YOU KNOW IT YOU SON OF A B--AAAH!
AH!
YOU'VE MADE ME USE BASE LANGUAGE!
ALL MY YEARS OF DISCIPLINE...
BELCH!
I'M STUUUFFED...
YOU'RE A LUCKY GIRL.
THE TAAS FOREST ISN'T VERY WELCOMING TO OUTSIDERS. MOST FOLKS WHO GET LOST...
...BEFORE THEY KNOW IT, THEY'RE IN SOMETHING'S STOMACH. SOMETIMES THEY DIE OF FATIGUE OR EXPOSURE FIRST, BUT EITHER WAY, THEY WIND UP A CRITTER SNACK.
COMPARED TO SOME BEASTS, THE ONE YOU JUST TORCHED WAS QUITE NEIGHBORLY.
I'LL SHOW YOU TO THE FOREST'S EDGE. LEAVE AND DON'T COME BACK, GOT IT?
.....
I CAN'T DO THAT.
I'M ON AN ERRAND TO FIND FATHER KENNETH, WHO RESIDES IN THESE WOODS.

YOU KNOW MY GRANDPA?
WHAT?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!

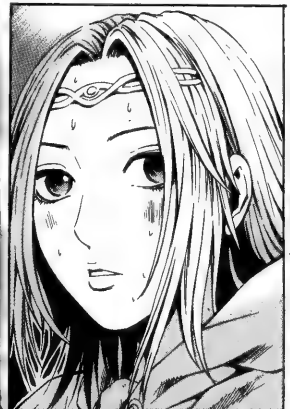
YOU'RE...
...FATHER KENNETH'S GRANDSON?!

KARKUF DAGRIZURZ!


E!O

MOK-UUUUURZ BAALAK...
TRESPASSERS THROUGH TAAS FOREST PAY WITH BLOOD! GRISH-IRZI!

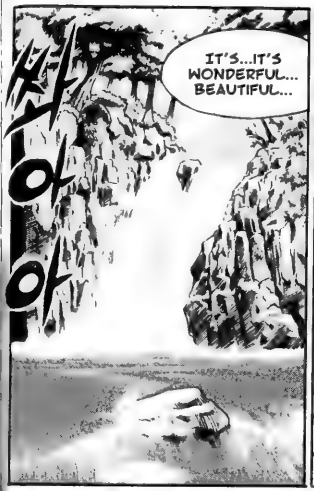
AZZZZ LAT!
BLAZING WALL!



TIRED?
NO...NO... HOW MUCH FARTHER IS IT?

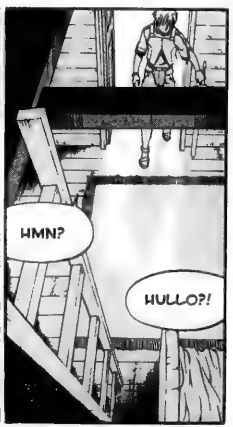
NOT FAR.

OH...


IT'S...IT'S WONDERFUL... BEAUTIFUL...

I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE SUCH A PLACE EXISTS.

GRAMPS! I'M HOME!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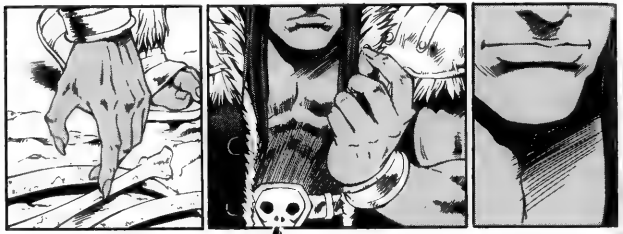
HULLO?!



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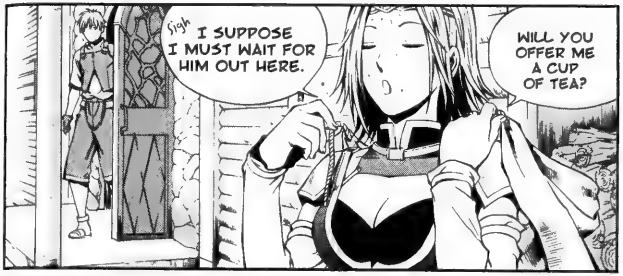
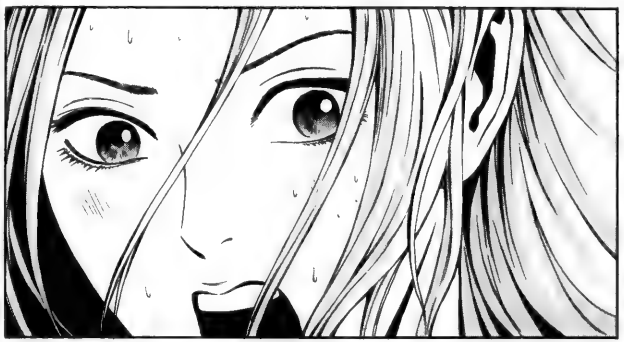
IS HE NOT IN?


Sigh
I SUPPOSE I MUST WAIT FOR HIM OUT HERE.
WILL YOU OFFER ME A CUP OF TEA?

GRANDPA WAS RIGHT.
GIRLS ARE A NUISANCE.
IT IS PEACEFUL HERE...
QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THE OUTER FOREST.



WHAT WAS THAT?!
YEE!

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Ugdrasil

EEEYAAAAH!

HIIIIYAHH!
HIYAH!

GEHK!
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HEY, MR. CHEAPSHOT! HOW ABOUT TWO OUT OF THREE?!

CHEATER...
HOW DO YOU LEARN THAT STUFF, ANYWAY?
A HALF ORC?!
YOU MAY HAVE HUMAN BLOOD IN YOU...
...BUT THE ORC IN YOU IS...ORCISH. A LOT OF ORC. TOO MUCH, MAYBE.

YOU WERE FRIGHTENED...FAIR LADY.
I OFFER MY... GOTLAT... HUMBLE APOLOGY...
HOO HOOO...
I HATE TO BE RUDE, BUT...
...I CANNOT ACCEPT.

WE ARE AT WAR...
YOU ARE MY ENEMY!
ENEMY...
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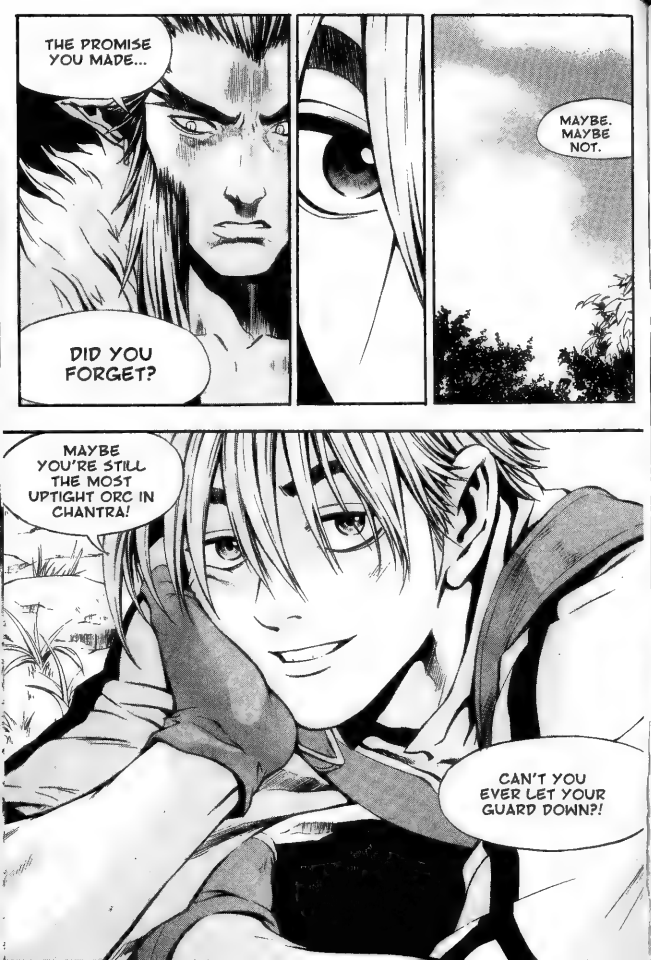
YEAH! OOGA BOOGA! LOOK AT MY ENEMY-NESS!
RUN! I'M THE CRAZY CHEEK-BEARD ORC!
WHO IS...VERY SENSITIVE ABOUT HIS CHEEK BEARDS.
YOU DISAPPOINT ME, ZIAN.
YOU ARE THE SAME. TEN YEARS AGO AND NOW.


THE PROMISE YOU MADE...
DID YOU FORGET?
MAYBE. MAYBE NOT.
MAYBE YOU'RE STILL THE MOST UPTIGHT ORC IN CHANTRA!
CAN'T YOU EVER LET YOUR GUARD DOWN?!
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN OVER FOUR YEARS, AND ALL I GET IS A FROWN.
IT'S BEEN SIX MONTHS.
REALLY? NOT FOUR YEARS?
IS THAT... BLOOD?
ARE YOU BLEEDING?
THE BLOOD IS NOT MINE.
IT'S GOBLIN BLOOD.
GOBLIN?
HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?!
YOU KILLED GOBLINS AND THEN CAME STRAIGHT HERE?!

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ON CUE...
...THE TRIBAL CHIEF.
SNORT! SNORT!

SMELL OF BLOOD!
IT'S HERE!
MURDERS! YOU DO KILLING!
KILL MY BROTHERS!
WHOA...
GOBLIN HONOR...

IT WAS ALL HIM!
I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!

Shh! I don't know you!
NO... NOT QUITE AS GALLANT AS I FIRST THOUGHT...

I CUT YOUR HEADS! REVENGE!

BUT I'M A GOBLIN FAN!
MANY OF MY BEST FRIENDS ARE GOBLINS!

WARCH, ZIAN...
LEARN MY ONLY SECRET, THE TRUE FOUNTAIN OF A WARRIOR'S STRENGTH...
HUN HURURZ! HEART ON THE BATTLEFIELD!

HEART OF FIRE!
AH!
TAKE THAT!
OLD BUDDY, WE'RE A GREAT TEAM!
I LURE THEM IN, YOU KNOCK THEM OUT!
ZIAN...

I LIKE NOTHING ABOUT THIS PLACE.
THERE IS SOMETHING...

M'LORD, SHOULD WE INVESTIGATE THAT EXPLOSION?
NO, WE KEEP MOVING!

WE HOLD FOR NOTHING UNTIL WE REACH TRIBUTE MOUNTAIN.
WE CONSERVE OUR STRENGTH FOR ANY...UNPLEASANT SURPRISES.

THIS PLACE... IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME...
LORD ERNAN?

Episode 5
Kenneth
BUB KRUF! SHOW YOURSELF!

YOU! ZUZAR!
I MADE WITH MY HANDS!
NEVER FORGIVE YOU!
ZIAN! WATCH MY BA--
WHERE DID YOU GO?!
NOW I KILL! YOU DIE!

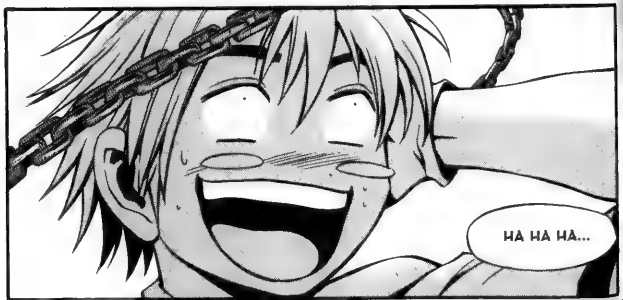
OH... HE'S ALIVE... HE'S OKAY...
IN THAT CASE...
WE CAN ALL SEE YOU, YOU KNOW!
ZIAN! YOUR FRIEND IS GETTING KILLED!
HE NEEDS US!
YOU CAN DO IT!
MORE THAN CHEERING HIM ON!
NOOO!

HEY! KEEP IT AWAY FROM THE HOUSE! YOU'LL MAKE GRANDPA MAD!
ARE YOU REALLY HIS FRIEND?!
WAAH!
RUUOOARG!
DIE!
REEARAG!

WHEN GRANDPA GETS HERE, YOU ARE ALL GOING TO BE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE!

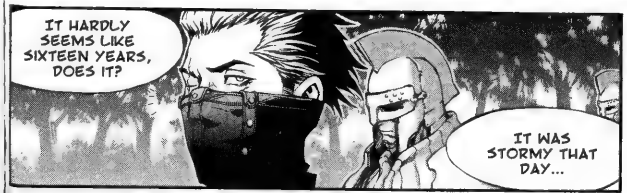
HUH?

I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO LOSE MY TEMPER.


HA HA HA...

WHAT'S WRONG?

A LITTLE WHILE AGO...
NO... IT'S NOTHING...


IT HARDLY SEEMS LIKE SIXTEEN YEARS, DOES IT?
IT WAS STORMY THAT DAY...

AH...YES, I SUPPOSE IT WAS...
YOU'RE PROBABLY THINKING OF... REVENGE RIGHT NOW, AREN'T YOU?
RE-REVENGE?

OF COURSE. THE BEAST THAT DEVOURED THREE OF YOUR COMRADES...
...AND BURST YOUR EYE LIKE A PLUMP JELLYFISH. REVENGE, YES?
WISER NOW... BATTLE HARDENED...YOU COULD PROBABLY TAKE THE DUMB BEAST BY YOURSELF NOW, WUH?

.....
HARDLY WORTH IT... SO... SO LONG AGO...

MANY MEMORIES COME BACK AFRESH HERE.

THE LITTLE... BABY...
YOU WATCHED HIM DIE HERE...RIGHT?

YES... OF COURSE.
I SAW HIM EATEN WHOLE RIGHT BEFORE ME...

M'LORD...
...WE HAVE SCOUTED THE ENTRANCE.

WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE THE REST OF THE WAY ON FOOT.
THAT OLD CODGER...
IF HIS TALE PROVES FALSE, I'LL PERSONALLY SNAP HIS NECK.
HE WOULDN'T LIE...
WOULD HE? HE'S SAID TO BE THE GREATEST MAGE IN DULAN.
BETTER BE! SIXTEEN YEARS!

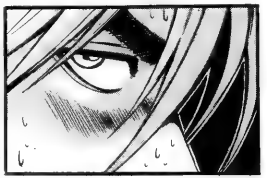
RANK! POWER! PRIVILEGE! I HOLD IT ALL IN MY GRASP...
...BUT IT'S NOTHING WITHOUT THIS!
IF I CAN JUST DRAW IT FROM ITS INFERNAL SHEATH....
...I WILL RULE OVER ALL OF CHANTRA. NO STAR WILL BE BEYOND MY REACH!
MY DESTINY...

...LIES ON TOP OF THAT MOUNTAIN.

GLRRRG!

YOU KILL MY MOUNT!
I RIDE YOU NOW!

OR MAYBE...
...YOU DON'T WANT?



MEN! LIGHTEN YOUR LOADS! PREPARE THE CLIMBING GEAR!
YES, LORD!

WE START NOW!

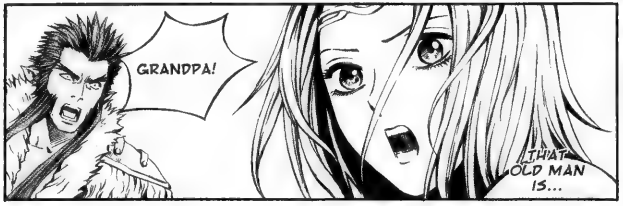
I DO! YAY, I'M YOUR MOUNT! HAPPY TO SERVE, MASTER! PLEASE GIVE ME ORDERS, MASTER!

IS THIS HUN HURURZ?!
NO, YOU DAMNED ORC! I WANT TO LIVE!

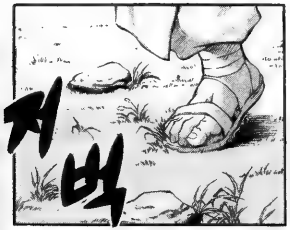
TSK TSK...

EH?

GRANDPA!


GRANDPA!
THAT OLD MAN IS...

...FATHER KENNETH?!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STAND STILL, ZIAN.

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YAY!

Episode 6
Noum Caverns

HURGH...
HUH-HA...
BIRDS...?
CAN'T BE FAR FROM THE SUMMIT...
M'LORD...
THOSE AREN'T BIRDS.

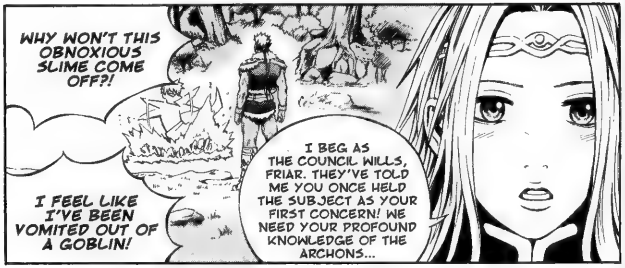
GODS!
IS-IS THAT--?!

WYVERNS!
AAAAH!

SKREE
KREEAORR

AH! AAAHH!
AIII!
LORD ERNAN! THERE'S NO WAY TO FIGHT THE WYVERNS HERE!
WE MIGHT AS WELL ALL BE DEAD ALREADY!
YES. IF YOU CAN'T FIGHT...
...YOU MIGHT AS WELL BE BAIT.

ANY MORE BAIT HERE?
OR DO YOU SOLDIERS WANT TO DASH FOR THE SUMMIT, WHILE THE BEASTS ARE STILL DISTRACTED?
YOU WANT ME TO...RETURN IT TO ELAJENCE...
HMPH. MY YOUNG DEAR, YOUR JOKES AREN'T FUNNY.
HOW IS YOUR EYESIGHT? DO YOU SEE MY LONG, WHITE BEARD?
B-BLECH!
DO I STILL HAVE IT ON ME?
ONLY ON YOUR HEAD


WHY WON'T THIS OBNOXIOUS SLIME COME OFF?!
I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN VOMITED OUT OF A GOBLIN!
I BEG AS THE COUNCIL WILLS, FRIAR. THEY'VE TOLD ME YOU ONCE HELD THE SUBJECT AS YOUR FIRST CONCERN! WE NEED YOUR PROFOUND KNOWLEDGE OF THE ARCHONS...

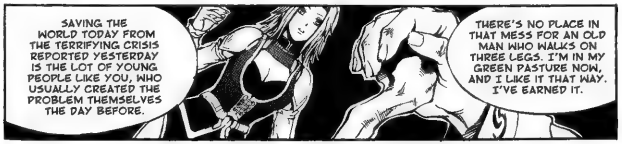
...AND OF BRUMHART.

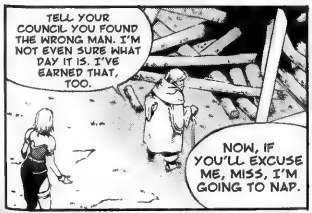
STOP HOLDING YOUR NOSE AND COME SCRUB ME!
YOU SMELL LIKE... BAGRONK!
THAT VERY SAME MIRACULOUS SWORD WHICH SAVED OUR PEOPLE COUNTLESS TIMES IN THE WARS AGAINST THE ORC HORDES...
...MAY NOW BE POISED TO CUT ELAJENCE DOWN.

THE MAN ERNAN, HUNGRY FOR POWER, LEADS HIS HORSEMEN OF MEMBREDON WITH BRUMHART AT HIS HIP.
THEY HAVE RIDDEN UNDER MILITARY COLORS INTO OUR LAND. THEY'RE HERE NOW, IN TAAS FOREST.

THIS ARMED ACTION BREAKS EVERY TREATY AND PROTOCOL BETWEEN ELAJENCE AND MEMBREDON, THREATENING THE ALLIANCE. IT IS AN ACT OF WAR...
...AND, AS I SAID BEFORE--

NO. AS I SAID BEFORE...
UUGH...


SAVING THE WORLD TODAY FROM THE TERRIFYING CRISIS REPORTED YESTERDAY IS THE LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE YOU, WHO USUALLY CREATED THE PROBLEM THEMSELVES THE DAY BEFORE.
THERE'S NO PLACE IN THAT MESS FOR AN OLD MAN WHO WALKS ON THREE LEGS. I'M IN MY GREEN PASTURE NOW, AND I LIKE IT THAT WAY. I'VE EARNED IT.


TELL YOUR COUNCIL YOU FOUND THE WRONG MAN. I'M NOT EVEN SURE WHAT DAY IT IS. I'VE EARNED THAT, TOO.
NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, MISS, I'M GOING TO NAP.

AH, YES. HALF OF MY HOUSE HAS BEEN DESTROYED.
THAT DID SLIP MY MIND.
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DAMN KIDS! LET MY BEAUTIFUL HOME GET DEMOLISHED AGAIN, HUH?! YOU MUST LOVE GETTING WHIPPINGS!
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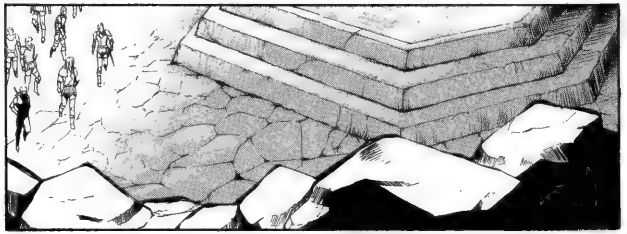
벵
OW! IT WASN'T--OW!--ME THIS TIME, GRANDPA! I SWEAR!
I'M SORRY! SORRY, GRANDPA! I TAKE RESPONSIBILITY! I'LL HELP CLEAN UP!
YOUNG LADY? THERE IS ONE THING I WILL TELL YOU...
STOP WORRYING YOUR PRETTY HEAD ABOUT THAT SWORD.
.....
ANOINTED... THROUGH SACRED RITES?
OL' BRUMHART...
GLALGK!
BRUMHART WILL ONLY YIELD POWER TO NATHAN MANAS' BLOOD HEIRS, WHO MUST BE SPECIALLY ANOINTED THROUGH SACRED RITES.
KLGHGH!

WE HAVE ARRIVED.

THE NOUM CAVERNS.



SEND WORD TO HIS MAJESTY!
HOW DID THEY GET PAST THE WYVERNS?

THEY ARE HUMANS.
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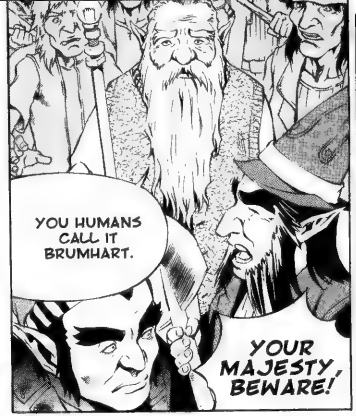
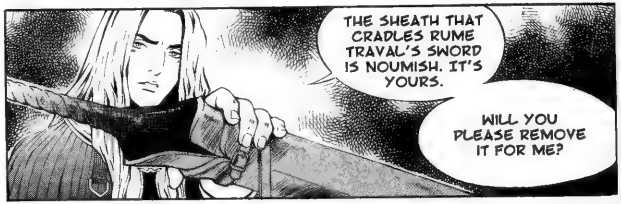
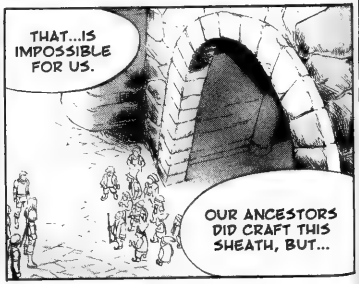
SO FAR, THE OLD MAN'S STORY IS TRUE.
TURN BACK, HUMANS!
THIS IS OUR CASTLE!
TURN BACK NOW!
BEHOLD. NOUMS.

VERY CUTE, LITTLE ONES.
WE ARE NOT HERE TO MAKE TROUBLE.
WE ONLY CAME TO TALK ABOUT THIS SWORD.
YOU THINK TALKING WILL BE ENOUGH?
THAT IS SURELY...
...RUME TRAVAL'S SWORD.


YOU HUMANS CALL IT BRUMHART.
YOUR MAJESTY, BEWARE!

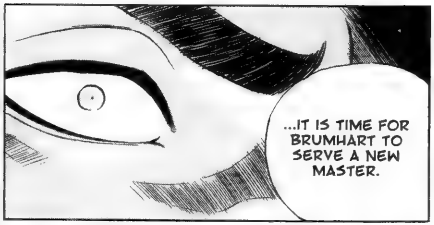
MY REQUEST IS SIMPLE.


THE SHEATH THAT CRADLES RUME TRAVAL'S SWORD IS NOUMISH. IT'S YOURS.
WILL YOU PLEASE REMOVE IT FOR ME?


THAT...IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US.
OUR ANCESTORS DID CRAFT THIS SHEATH, BUT...

...A GREAT BLOOD SIGIL HAS SEALED IT. MOST POWERFUL RUNES.
ONLY ONE OF MANAS' LINE CAN--

THE MANAS LINE HAS ENDED, EXCELLENT KING. FOR THE GOOD OF ALL...
...THE SIGIL MUST BE MELTED...THE RUNES REWRITTEN. YOU MUST KNOW A WAY.


...IT IS TIME FOR BRUMHART TO SERVE A NEW MASTER.

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY-- TO WALK THE PATH OF NATHAN MANAS BEFORE YOU.
IT IS A DEADLY CEREMONY. YOU MUST SUFFER AN AUDIENCE WITH RUME TRAVAL HIMSELF, AND RECEIVE THE MASTER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.
TAKE ME TO HIM... PLEASE.
THIS IS NO LIGHT REQUEST! I WARN YOU!
YOU WILL LIKELY LOSE YOUR LIFE.
I'VE FACED DEATH ALREADY TO COME HERE.
I CAN FACE IT AGAIN!

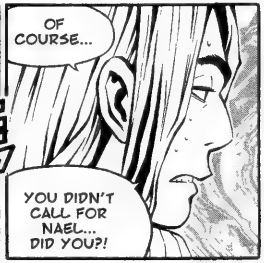
FOLLOW ME, THEN.
I WILL GUIDE YOU.
YOUR MAJESTY!

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ME...

...WIPE THESE PIPSQUEAKS OFF THE MAP!

AS A PRE-CAUTION...
...I SENT FOR MORE MEN BEFORE WE CLIMBED THE MOUNTAIN.

MORE MEN?


OF COURSE...
YOU DIDN'T CALL FOR NAEL... DID YOU?!

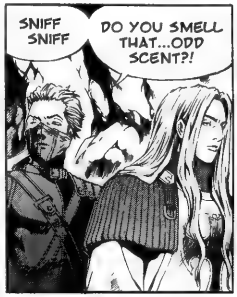
MAJESTY! DO YOU TRULY MEAN TO GUIDE THEM INTO OUR CAVE LIKE THIS?
THE HUMANS ARE NOT TRUSTWORTHY! ESPECIALLY THE ONE WITH WOMAN'S HAIR, HE WHO CARRIES RUME TRAVAL'S SWORD.
HAD I REFUSED...

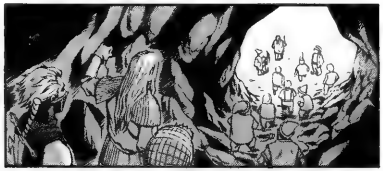
...THEY WOULD HAVE SLAUGHTERED US.

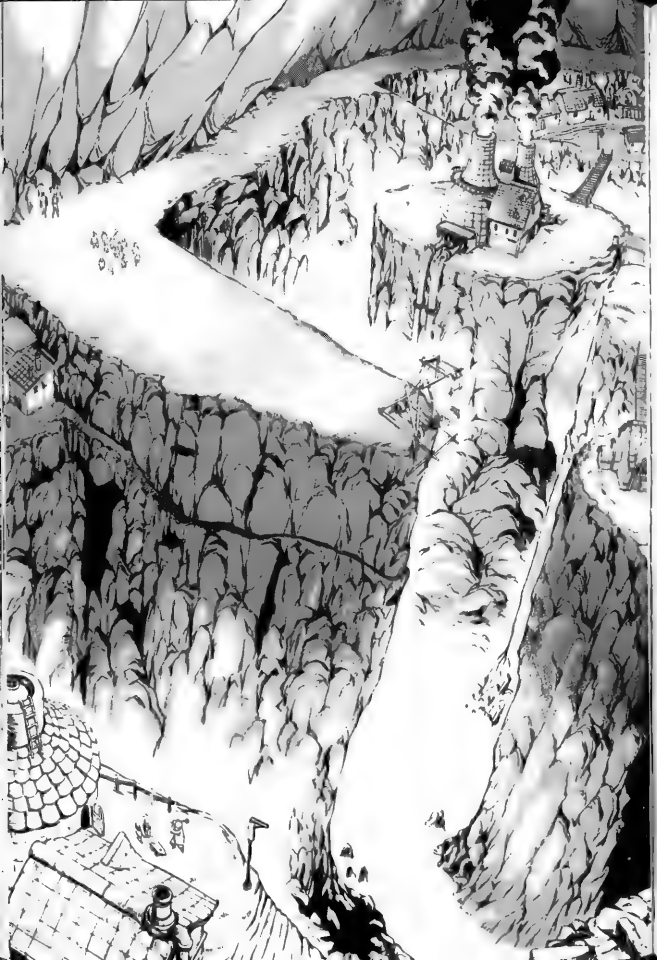
WOMEN-FOLK AND CHILDREN FIRST.

TRUST IN RUME TRAVAL...

THE MASTER WILL NOT GIVE HIS SWORD UP EASILY.


SNIFF SNIFF
DO YOU SMELL THAT...ODD SCENT?!





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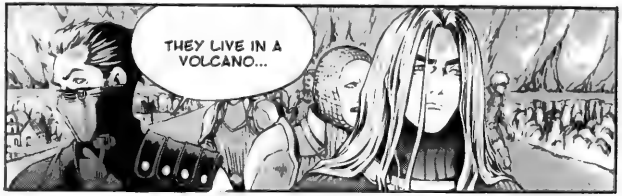

THEY LIVE IN A VOLCANO...

FROM THIS POINT ON, YOU MUST LEAVE YOUR MEN BEHIND.

MY LORD...
IT'S ALL RIGHT.

Episode 7
Rume Traval's Trial

WE HAVE ARRIVED. THERE...
THE CEREMONIAL PLATFORM.
AHH... I SEE...
I SIMPLY HOLD THE SWORD INTO THAT LAVA FOUNT AND LET THE CASING MELT OFF, IS THAT IT?!

DO I LOOK LIKE SOME FARMER'S OX-HEADED SON TO YOU?!
PERHAPS I SHOULD LET YOU TRY SWIMMING IN THE LAVA TO SHOW ME HOW IT'S DONE?!
KGGLK! KLGGHK!
IF YOU ARE--KUG-- ACKNOWLEDGED AS THE RIGHTFUL... OWNER OF THE S-SWORD, YOU WILL NOT FEEL THE HEAT!
IN AN--CHHGL-- ANCIENT TIMES--HGH-- NATHAN MANAS DID THE SAME!
START SPEAKING THE TRUTH BEFORE I START SLASHING THE THROATS OF YOUR BABIES!
I KNOW YOU WILL! GHGL! LOOK IN MY EYES, HUMAN! I FEAR YOU!
AND DO YOU SEE THAT I LOVE MY P--PGKL--PEO-PLE?! AND...CARE NOTHING FOR YOUR SWORD--ALGKL!
ONLY MY PEOPLE...
I WILL NOT RISK THEIR LIVES BY LYING TO YOU. I HAVE NO REASON TO.

AGH!
LITTLE NOUM ...
IF THIS IS A LIE...
...I SHALL ROAST EACH OF YOUR BODY PARTS OVER A DIFFERENT PIT BEFORE I EAT YOU!
I SUPPOSE ...
...THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO LEARN FOR CERTAIN!
HAAAHHH!

Hghh...
YOU SHALL NEVER HAVE YOUR PRIZE...
Hghh...
RUME TRAVAL WILL REJECT YOUR CLAIM.
IT'S...IT'S WORKING!
THE SHEATH IS MELTING!
WHAT?!
IT CAN'T BE...
AA-HA HA HA HA HA-AA!

AAAAHHH!
YES, AS I THOUGHT...
LORD ERNAN!
AAAGHH!
GGH! NO!

AAAH!
AAAH!
AAAAAAGH!

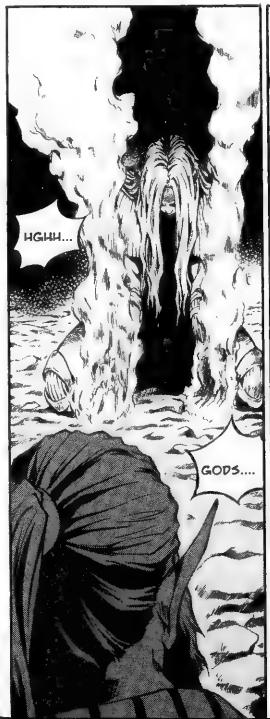
BRUMHART?
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT BRUMHART?
FORGET IT. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
GRANDPA...
IS IT REAL? THE SWORD, BRUMHART? THE LEGENDS?
.....
IF ONE CAN TRUST THE WORDS OF A PROPHET, YES...
HE'S RESPECTED AS THE FOREMOST PROPHET OF SEDLAND... IT'S ENOUGH FOR ME.

TELL US.
WHAT IS?
IN TIME OUT OF MEMORY, THE FIVE SPIRITS SHAPED CHANTRA, IN ALL ITS TERRIBLE GLORY.
THE ELEMENTAL SPIRIT OF THE FIRE ARCHON NOW COURSES WITHIN BRUMHART. IT IS ONE OF THE GREAT RELICS OF POWER.
WAIT, FATHER KENNETH!
SINCE THERE ARE FIVE ELEMENTAL SPIRITS, DOES THAT MEAN THERE ARE FOUR OTHER RELICS OF POWER?!
.....
THAT'S NOT FOR ME TO TELL YOU. NOW, AS I WAS SAYING, LONG AGO, WHEN THE PROPHET TOLD ME OF BRUMHART--

WHO WAS HE?
I HAVE TO MEET HIM! IS HE STILL ALIVE?!
Sigh
I SEE THE ARIN FAMILY STILL HAS YET TO BEGET A SINGLE CHILD WITH THE PATIENCE GOD GAVE A MOUSE.
HUH? AH... I'M...I'M SORRY...
EXCUSE ME... FATHER, HOW DO YOU KNOW MY FAMILY NAME?
YOU HAVE YOUR FATHER'S EYES, DEAR.
DO YOU KNOW HIS HISTORY? DELPRAS. FEUDAL LORD.
A LORD?
A FEUDAL ?!
WHAT DOES "FEUDAL" MEAN?

THE PROPHET'S NAME IS BERWOTZ. HE'S ONE OF THE LITTLE FOLK.
IT'S RUMORED HE NOW LIVES IN A PLACE CALLED ELKA, LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL REGION...
THAT'S ALL I'LL SAY ABOUT THIS BRUMHART BUSINESS FOR TODAY.
FATHER, WOULD YOU GUIDE ME TO ELKA?
YOUR MEMORY IS BAD.
I'M RETIRED! IF YOU THINK I'M GOING TO STRAP ON TRAVEL SACK AND POKE MY WRINKLED OLD SNOUT ABOUT IN A YOUNG WORLD'S PROBLEM... BAH!
?
?
I'VE DONE MORE THAN MY SHARE OF WORLD SAVING. IT'S YOUR TURN. GOOD LUCK. NOW... I BELIEVE I'M OVERDUE FOR A NAP...

HGHH...
HGHH...


HGHH...
GODS....

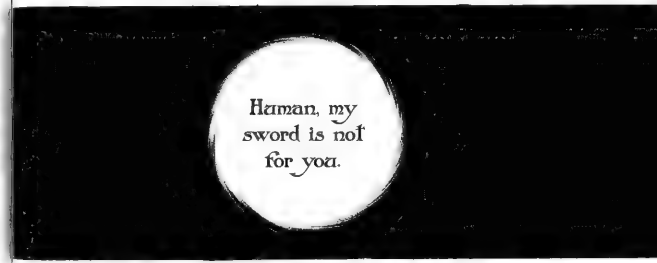
TOTOT
GUGH... OOH...

AAAHHHA HA HAAA!
SOB....
SOB... SOB...
GUHN....
GUUAA HA HA HA HAAA!
AHHAH...
SIXTEEN YEARS...
HAA HHA...

I HAVE WAITED SIXTEEN YEARS.
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? LET'S RETURN!
RAISE IT NOW!
SLEEE

Haff...
Guh huh huh huh....

HOW...

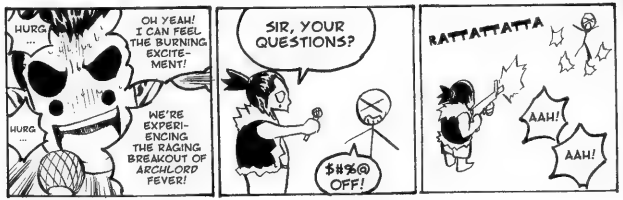

Human, my sword is not for you.

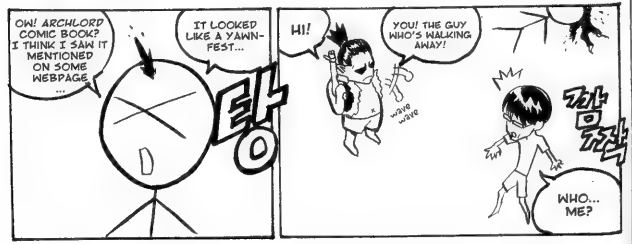
WHO... WHO SAID THAT?

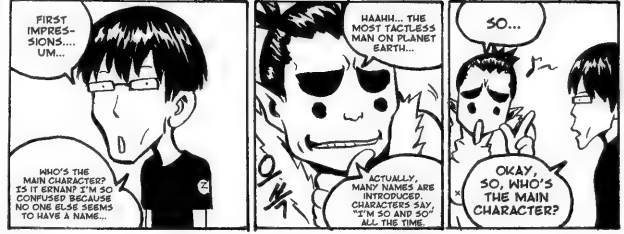
Give up what you have stolen.
AH!
CAN... CAN IT BE...
SILENCE, DEVIL!
BRUM-HART IS MINE!
I GAVE MY SOUL FOR THIS!
DO YOU THINK I'LL HAND IT TO YOU?! NEVER!
You are a fool.

To be continued

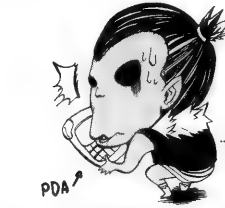
SPECIAL!
A CELEBRATION OF THE ARCHLORD SERIES PUBLICATION
HURG...
HURG...
ASK ME WHATEVER YOU LIKE!
I'M OUT ON THE STREET WITH FIVE RANDOM PASSERSBY!
WHAT IS THIS?
EWW, LOOK AT HIS SKIN...
IT'S DINNER-TIME...
LAME.
RAMEN 'N SPICE


HURG...
HURG...
OH YEAH! I CAN FEEL THE BURNING EXCITE-MENT!
WE'RE EXPERI-ENCING THE RAGING BREAKOUT OF ARCHLORD FEVER!
SIR, YOUR QUESTIONS?
$#%@ OFF!
RATTATATTA
AAH!
AAH!


OH! ARCHLORD COMIC BOOK? I THINK I SAW IT MENTIONED ON SOME WEBPAGE...
IT LOOKED LIKE A YAWN-FEST...
탕
HI!
YOU! THE GUY WHO'S WALKING AWAY!
WHO... ME?


FIRST IMPRES-SIONS.... UM...
WHO'S THE MAIN CHARACTER? IS IT ERNAN? I'M SO CONFUSED BECAUSE NO ONE ELSE SEEMS TO HAVE A NAME...
HAAHH... THE MOST TACTLESS MAN ON PLANET EARTH...
ACTUALLY, MANY NAMES ARE INTRODUCED. CHARACTERS SAY, "I'M SO AND SO" ALL THE TIME.
SO...
OKAY, SO, WHO'S THE MAIN CHARACTER?

OOO... OOO...IN THE UNIVERSAL... COSMOS...OF THE STORY...
WHAT THE FLIP ARE YOU YAPPING ABOUT??
ARCHLORD! THIS IS HOW IT GOT MADE!
THE SECRET TRUTH BEHIND THE ARCHLORD PRODUCTION!
SPECIAL II: DA NITTY GRITTY
IS HE STILL TALKING?
UNFORTU-NATELY.
YIPPEE!
MY TELL-ALL EXPOSÉ! NO BULL!
YOU WRITE WHAT I SAY. DEAL?
YES PLEASE. THANK YOU.
NITTY GRIT: DA END...
I'M OUTTA HERE!



HUH?! WHAT?! ...NO, OF COURSE YOU DIDN'T STARTLE ME...

R ALWAYS LIKE THIS (NOT SICKER THAN USUAL)

WAAAH! BOSS... THIS DIDN'T COME OUT RIGHT!
IT'S ALL RIGHT! IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME. YOU'LL GET BETTER WITH PRACTICE.
It's... ah... Fine! It's fine.
HA HA HA
OOFF
what am I gonna do with this?
THE BOSS LACKS AN IRON FIST.

TWO DAYS UNTIL THE DEADLINE.
I'VE GOTTA... GRAB A LITTLE SLEEP.
TIME'S UP! WAKEY WAKEY! ...HELLO?
HUR-ARGH!
PHEW. AT LEAST HE'S STILL ALIVE.
KACHH... KACHH...
...THERE ARE TIMES WHEN ONE WORRIES.

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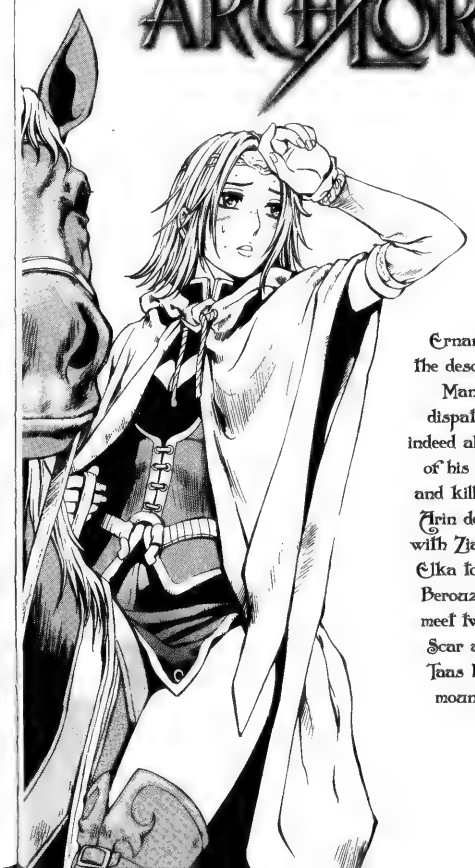
ARCH LORD



Ernan, horrified that the descendent of Nathan Manas he believed dispatched long ago is indeed alive, sends out two of his best men to find and kill Zian. Meanwhile, Arin decides to journeys with Zian and Ugdrasil to Elka to meet the prophet Berouze. And when the meet two more travelers, Scar and Talon, in the Tans Forest, suspicions mount on both sides.

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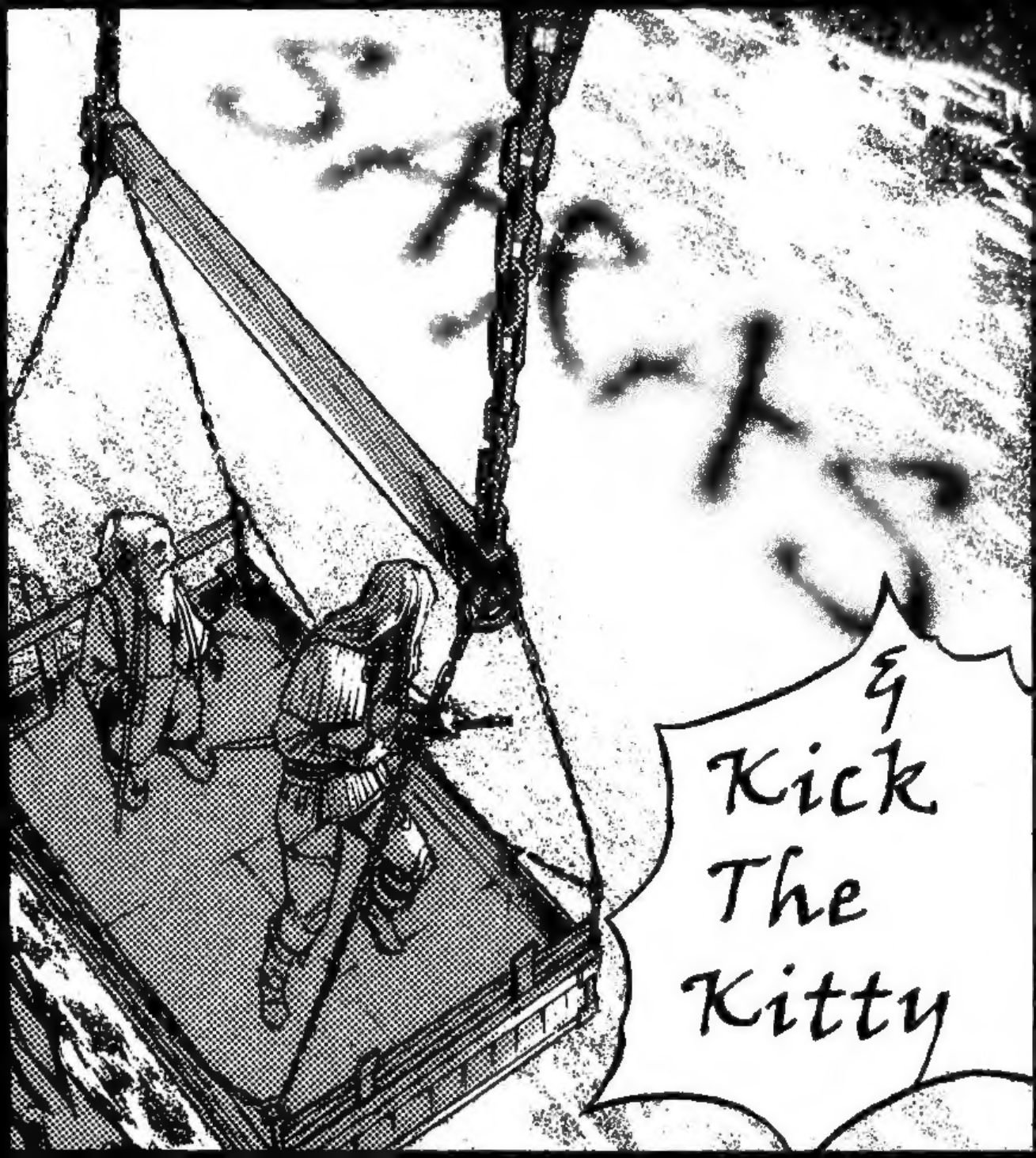
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The
Kitty

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